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Dear Legislatures:

My name is Patricia Vers, I am a resident of the City of Allen Park, State of Michigan. I want to personally thank the Hon. Tom McMillan for his hard work in getting this hearing today and thanks to all of you for having us here today to voice our concerns on DTE and their Smart Meters. I want to give thanks to everyone here who has worked so hard to help bring awareness to the citizens about the issues of Smart Meters and how they affect our health, safety, privacy and security issues. If it were not for these people I would not be here today and I would be in the dark. I thank all of you for all of your hard work, dedication and efforts to bring us here today. It is not in vain. Thank you.

There are so many reasons for my opposition to what DTE is doing and how they are carrying on in their efforts to strong-arm customers in getting rid of the analog meters by making them obsolete and not giving us the right to keep our analog meter intact. The opt out fees are ridiculous and a means of having people to comply with their program because they don't want to incur any extra fees. I am happy with my mechanical analog meter as it allows us to visually see the reading and ensures me of my personal usage. The new digital meter provides no true visibility. We never authorized a change to meter reading and the cost to read the analog meter is already included in the pricing structure that the citizens agreed to allow them to recover.

I live with my parents who are seniors and we do not want a meter installed on the house as it would be on the wall of their

bedroom. We do not want to compromise the safety of our health in any way, shape or form.

I am very concerned about the privacy and security issues due to hackers getting access to our personal information through the surveillance device that is capable of sending and receiving information installed on our homes without consent. I want to minimize my risk of privacy and security breaches within my home. I do not want to expose my family's exposure to fraud or theft by a hacker, I do not want my personal information to be distributed without our consent.

I am also concerned about the environment and how this will affect every Living Thing that God has created. Humans, animals, birds, bees, insects, trees and plants. What is this radiation doing to all of us? We need nature and nature needs us. One man in Taylor showed us a photo of a bush that was planted when he was a child and pictures of this bush before and now after the Smart Meter was installed. The bush was dead. I seen it with my very own eyes and you can't tell me that these meters are not doing any damage.

I stand united with my fellow citizens and give voice to their concerns as they are my concerns too.

DTE is tromping on our unalienable rights to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, property, safety, respect and privacy. Our founding fathers founded this country to protect our rights and freedoms and have given us the Bill of Rights under the 1st Amendment, 4th Amendment, 9th Amendment, 10th Amendment and 14th Amendment.

I am also here to oppose Senate Bills 1123 and 1124 which would prevent people from filing health-related lawsuits against wind turbine companies. Please vote no on Senate Bills 1123 and 1124.

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